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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 684X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Shelby County, TN*; Request for Extension of NITU Negotiating Period

Dear Ms. Brown:

This request pertains to the ongoing negotiations between and among the Memphis Community Connector ("MCC"), Shelby County ("Shelby County"), and CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") regarding interim trail use and rail banking, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) (the "Trails Act") and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29, of the above-captioned line (the "NITU request"), which was filed by the Memphis Community Connector ("MCC" and, together with Shelby County and CSXT, the "Parties") with the Board on October 5, 2007 (the "NITU request").¹ The NITU request covered two segments of the CSXT line, hereinafter referred to as the "Memphis Segment," which extends from MP ONI 224 (VS 11812+37) to MP ONI 216.92 (VS 11439+97), and the "Cordova Segment," which extends from MP ONI 210.66 to MP ONI 216.92.

The Parties entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Memphis Segment, and that Segment has been transferred to MCC. On June 30, 2010, MCC and Shelby County requested a one year extension of the NITU, until June 30, 2011, so that they could continue their negotiations for the Cordova Segment. Due to economic conditions and the County's focus upon developing a trail on the Memphis Segment, those negotiations have progressed slowly. The trail on the Memphis Segment, which is now completed, has been a great success within the community, and the Parties desire to renew their negotiations for the Cordova Segment.

In light of the anticipated time required to negotiate the sale and purchase of the Memphis Segment and to secure the requisite local government approvals, the Parties request an extension of the NITU negotiating period with respect to the Cordova Segment, until June 30, 2012. This should avoid the need for the same type of repeated extension requests that were required for the Memphis Segment.

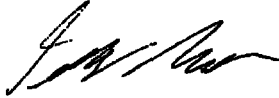
The Parties are e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance and please feel free to contact any of us via phone or email (as set forth below our respective signatures) if you have any questions.

¹ Because Shelby County, TN is a local government entity, the filing fees for this Request are waived pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1002.2(e)(1).

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Respectfully submitted,



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